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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OCI

25X1A ATTENTION : [REDACTED]
THRU : Chief, RG/RB/CGS
FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NFIC)
SUBJECT : Submarine Activity in the Vicinity of the Shipunski Peninsula, Kamchatka, USSR, Photo Study
REFERENCES : (a) Requirement No. C-CI4-80,947 (Project No. C 66-64)
(b) Requirement No. C-CI3-80,815 (Project No. C 1671-63)
(c) GMB Memorandum No. 764/63 dated 20 November 1963

1. In partial response to Requirement No. C-CI4-80,947 (C 66-64) the following information is forwarded on an advanced basis.

2. In reply to Requirement No. C-CI3-80,815 (C 1671-63), GMB Memorandum No. 764/63 dated 20 November 1963 forwarded evidence pertaining to a possible naval base observed under construction at Bechevinskaya Bay, Kamchatka, USSR (53 16N-159 47E), approximately 45 nm NNE of Petropavlovsk.

25X1D 3. Subsequent mission coverage (KEYHOLE [REDACTED])
25X1D [REDACTED] revealed that 2 possible submarines were moored alongside one another in the innermost portion of Morzhovaya Bay (53 13N-159 58E) on the other side of the Shipunski Peninsula from Bechevinskaya Bay. No shore facilities were noted on either side of Morzhovaya Bay from KEYHOLE [REDACTED]

25X1D 4. A further review of [REDACTED] initiated to determine the presence of any submarine activity in the vicinity of the Shipunski Peninsula, revealed the following activity at the entrance to Bechevinskaya Bay (53 13.5N-159 45.0E): 6 vessels - including one surface combatant (a possible ED), 4 submarines, and one probable submarine. The vessels did not appear to have way on but were observed heading into the bay. The surface combatant was located just outside the actual entrance to the bay; the dispersed submarines were located approximately one mile inside the lower portion of the bay. Small pieces of drift ice were observed near the submarines.

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5. Due to the obliquity of the photography and the imagery of the vessels noted in Bechevinckov Bay, their identification was necessarily restricted to viewing the film in a stereo mode.

6. All coordinates listed in this memorandum were obtained from the unedited proof copy of AMS Series DESPA-1, Sheet IN 57-3.

25X1D 7. A more comprehensive memorandum, containing annotated prints of the
25X1D Shipunski Peninsula region from KEYHOLE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is now in preparation and shall be forwarded to your office as soon as possible.

25X1A 8. The photo analysis on this project was performed by [REDACTED]
CIA/PID/GMB (SPIC), who may be contacted on ext. 2548 for any additional information.

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